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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

- 1. This action is responsive to communications: the RCE filed 11/05/07 and the Response to Election/Restriction filed 03/10/08.
- 2. The Specification has been amended by the examiner, which is discussed below in the Examiner's Amendment section. All previous rejections to the claims have been withdrawn as necessitated by said Examiner's Amendment.
- 3. Claims 1-20, 23-24, 28-33, and 35 are allowed as necessitated by the Amendment. Claims 21-22, 25-27, and 34 have been cancelled.

# **Drawings**

4. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because a multitude of lines, numbers, letters, and reference characters on each of the plurality of the drawings are illegible. Said drawing features must be plain and legible in such a way to give them satisfactory reproduction characteristics (e.g. durable, clean, black, dense/dark, uniformly thick, and well defined). Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the

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### **Annotated Drawing Sheets**

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# **Timing of Corrections**

Applicant is required to submit acceptable corrected drawings within the time period set in the Office action. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in ABANDONMENT of the application.

If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings MUST be filed within the THREE MONTH shortened statutory period set for reply in the "Notice of Allowability." Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability.

#### **AMENDMENT**

- 5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
- 6. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Aker on 05/05/08.

#### The Application has been amended as follows:

- 1. (currently amended) A digital document browsing system comprising:
- a layout engine, for determining the layout of a digital document having sentences and images, based on digital document display form historical data <u>relating to previous</u>

  [[of]] use of said document, <del>acquired previously,</del> by said browsing system;
- a view generator, for generating, in accordance with said layout determined by said layout engine, data relating to the display form of said digital document, said data

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including a summary preparation request designating sentences in the digital document for which summarization is required, a summarization keyword, and a summarization rate indicative of a ratio of length of a summary to length of original sentences in the digital document, said summarization rate varying and being determined for each sentence within said document, and a compression rate for said images, said compression rate varying for each of said images within said document;

a summarization engine for generating a summary in response to said data; and a <u>display</u> user interface, for displaying said digital document on a <u>display</u> device

based on said data relating to said display form generated by said view generator;

wherein said display form includes an indicator indicating which portion of the

3. (currently amended) The digital document browsing system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a history database within said browsing system,

digital document is displayed at which compression rate.

wherein after said digital document has been displayed, through said <u>display</u> user interface, by using a predetermined display form for a predetermined period of time, and when said display form is updated by said user, data relating to said display form that has been used is stored as historical data in said history database, and

wherein said layout engine determines said layout of said digital document based on said historical data obtained from said history database.

6. (currently amended) The [[A]] digital document browsing system according to claim

1, further comprising:

a display form generator, for generating a display form wherein display areas to be allocated to elements constituting said digital document are altered in accordance with [[the]] importance levels of said elements, while the general structure of the [[a]] digital document is maintained and all of the elements of the digital document are always displayed simultaneously on a single screen; and

a display for displaying said digital document in said display form that is generated by said display form generator.

9. (currently amended) A digital document browsing system comprising:

a summarization engine, for preparing summaries for sentences in a digital document based on historical data related to a display form previously used for said digital document and data relating to the display form of said digital document, said data including a summary preparation request designating sentences in the digital document for which summarization is required, a summarization keyword, and a summarization rate indicative of a ratio of length of a summary to length of original sentences in the digital document, said summarization rate varying and being determined for each sentence within said document, and a compression rate for any images within said document, said compression rate varying for each image;

a view generator, for inserting, in the display form, said summaries prepared by said summarization engine instead of the original contents of said digital document, and for generating data relating to the display form of said digital document; and

a <u>display</u> user interface, for displaying said digital document on a display device based on said data, generated by said view generator, relating to said display form;

wherein said display form includes an indicator indicating which portion of the digital document is displayed at which compression rate.

11. (currently amended) The digital document browsing system according to claim 9, further comprising:

a history database within said browsing system,

wherein after said digital document has been displayed, through said <u>display</u> user interface, with a predetermined display form for a predetermined period of time, and when said user has updated said display form, data relating to said display form that has been used is stored as historical data in said history database, and

wherein said layout summarization engine summarizes said sentences of said digital document based on said historical data obtained from said history database.

12. (currently amended) A browser for displaying a digital document on a display device comprising:

an input function for entering a digital document to be displayed; and

a display function, for displaying said digital document using a predetermined display form,

wherein said display function displays, instead of the original contents of said digital document, a summary that is prepared based on historical data related to a display form for said document previously used for display of said digital document on said

display device and other data relating to the display form of said digital document, said other data including a summary preparation request designating sentences in the digital document for which summarization is required, a summarization keyword, and a summarization rate indicative of a ratio of length of a summary to length of original sentences in the digital document, said summarization rate varying and being determined for each sentence within said document, and a compression rate for any images within said document, said compression rate varying for each image;

a display, for displaying said digital document on said display device based on said data, generated by said display function, relating to said display form;

wherein said display form includes an indicator indicating which portion of the digital document is displayed at which compression rate.

15. (currently amended) The [[A]] browser for displaying a digital document on a display device according to claim 12, further comprising:

a display function, for displaying a digital document having a predetermined display form; and

a display updating function, for updating said display form,

wherein according to a predetermined rule said display function, while maintaining the structure of said digital document, alters display areas to be allocated for elements constituting said digital document so as to always simultaneously display all of its elements on a single screen, and displays said digital document in the resultant display areas.

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17. (currently amended) The browser according to claim 15, wherein, in the display form of said digital document to be displayed, initially, said display function enlarges a display area for an element located at the head of said digital document, and reduces display areas for succeeding elements; and reduces said [[a]] summarization rate for an element located at the head of said digital document and increases said summarization rate for succeeding elements, and wherein, each time said display updating function updates said display form upon receiving an update request, said display function shifts rearward the range wherein a large display area is set and said summarization rate is reduced for the sentence element.

## 19. (currently amended) A sentence summarization system comprising:

a summarization history database, in which historical data for the summarization of sentences in a document is stored; and

a summarization engine, for summarizing sentences based on said historical data stored in said summarization history database for said document, and other data relating to the display form of said digital document, said other data including a summary preparation request designating sentences in the digital document for which summarization is required, a summarization keyword, and a summarization rate indicative of a ratio of length of a summary to length of original sentences in the digital document, said summarization rate varying and being determined for each sentence within said document, and a compression rate for any images within said document, said compression rate varying for each image;

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wherein said display form includes an indicator indicating which portion of the

digital document is displayed at which compression rate.

21. - 22. (canceled).

23. (currently amended) A sentence summarization method comprising the steps of:

obtaining target sentences to be summarized;

obtaining historical data related to a summary for said target sentences from a

summarization history database in which historical data are stored that are related to a

previous summarization of a document containing said sentences, said data relating to the

display form of said digital document, said data including a summary preparation request

designating sentences for which summarization is required, a summarization keyword,

and a summarization rate indicative of a ratio of length of a summary to length of the

target sentences in the digital document, said summarization rate varying and being

determined for each of said target sentences within said document, and a compression

rate for any images within said document, said compression rate varying for each image;

and

determining which parameters are required for the preparation of said summary

based on said historical data, and preparing said summary of said target sentences based

on said parameters;

wherein said display form includes an indicator indicating which portion of the

digital document is displayed at which compression rate.

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28. (currently amended) A storage medium on which an output of a computer stores a

computer-readable program that permits said computer to perform:

a process for extracting the structure of a digital document to be displayed;

a process for replacing, for each of the elements of said structure, said elements

including sentences and images, the original contents of said digital document with a

summary that is prepared based on historical data related to a display form for said

document that was previously used for said digital document and other data relating to

the display form of said digital document, said other data including a summary

preparation request designating sentences for which summarization is required, a

summarization keyword, and a summarization rate indicative of a ratio of length of a

summary to length of target sentences in the digital document, said summarization rate

varying and being determined for each of said target sentences within said document, and

a compression rate for said images, said compression rate varying for each of said images

within said document;

generating data related to a new display form; [[and]]

a process for displaying said digital document on a [[said]] display device based

on said data related to said new display form; and

a process for providing on said display form an indicator indicating which portion

of the digital document is displayed at which compression rate.

29. (currently amended) The [[A]] storage medium on which an output of a computer stores a computer-readable program that permits said computer to perform according to claim 28, further comprising:

a process for extracting the structure of a digital document;

a process for generating data, while maintaining said structure of said digital document, related to <u>said</u> [[a]] display form wherein display areas to be allocated to elements that constitute said digital document are altered in accordance with the importance levels of said elements, so that all elements of said digital document are always presented simultaneously on one screen; and

a process for displaying said digital document on a display device based on said data related to said display form.

30. (currently amended) A storage medium on which an output of a computer stores a computer-readable program that permits said computer to perform:

a process for obtaining target sentences to be summarized;

a process for obtaining historical data related to a summary for said target sentences from a summarization history database in which historical data are stored that are related to a previous summarization of a document containing said sentences and other data relating to the display form of said digital document, said other data including a summary preparation request designating the sentence for which summarization is required, a summarization keyword, and a summarization rate indicative of a ratio of length of a summary to length of the target sentences in the digital document, said summarization rate varying and being determined for each of said target sentences within

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said document, and a compression rate for any images within said document, said compression rate varying for each image; [[and]]

a process for determining which parameters are required for the preparation of said summary based on said historical data, and preparing said summary of said target sentence based on said parameters; and

a process for providing on said display form an indicator indicating which portion of the digital document is displayed at which compression rate.

#### Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US-2002/0046018	04-2002	Marcu et al.
US-5,924,108	07-1999	Fein et al.
US-2002/0138528	09-2002	Gong et al.
US-2002/0007367	01-2002	Narahara

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam L. Basehoar whose telephone number is (571)-272-4121. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Adam L Basehoar/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2178